

CALFED Stakeholder Groups

The following is a list of CALFED Bay-Delta program stakeholder groups divided into two categories: Bay-Delta Advisory Council related and CALFED staff coordinated groups and technical teams. In addition, CALFED staff members consult regularly with a variety of stakeholders. These informal meetings and discussions are beyond the scope of this list.

- I. **Bay-Delta Advisory Council** - citizens advisory committee chartered under federal law whose members are appointed by the Governor and Secretary of the Interior. BDAC provides advice to the CALFED agencies:

Meetings are publicly noticed in the Federal Register and written mailings.

Staff contact: Eugenia Laychak

A. Subcommittees

1. **Ecosystem Roundtable** - advises BDAC on early implementation of ecosystem restoration projects. The BDAC chair appoints the members and selects the subcommittee chair(s).

Meetings are publicly noticed in the Federal Register and written mailings.

Staff contact: Wendy Halverson Martin

2. **Delta Drinking Water Council** - advises BDAC on actions necessary to assure the continuous improvement of drinking water quality through CALFED. The BDAC chair appoints the members and selects the subcommittee chair(s).

Meetings are publicly noticed in the Federal Register and written mailings.

Staff contact: Paul Hutton

- B. **Workgroups** - created by BDAC to conduct research, analyze relevant issues and facts, develop alternative policy options for BDAC deliberation, and other activities necessary for fact-finding and analysis.

1. **Ecosystem Restoration Workgroup** - provides policy advice to BDAC and the CALFED program for the development and refinement of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan.

Meetings are publicly noticed through written mailings.

Staff contact: Dick Daniel

2. **Governance Workgroup** - advises BDAC and CALFED agencies on the long-term and interim governing structures and decision-making processes for the CALFED Program.

Meetings are publicly noticed through written mailings.

Staff contact: Kate Hansel

3. **Watershed Workgroup** - advises BDAC and CALFED on the development and implementation of the Watershed Program Plan.

Meetings are publicly noticed through written mailings.

Staff contact: John Lowrie

II. Other Stakeholder Groups and Technical Teams - CALFED staff seeks technical and policy input from agencies, the public and interested parties such as tribal representatives in creating staff drafts and proposals; asks BDAC for its recommendations; and presents the proposals to the CALFED agencies for decision-making. Contact with stakeholders ranges from individual conversations and infrequent meetings to fairly regular meetings of interested participants. This last type of stakeholder interaction is described below:

A. Ecosystem Restoration

1. **Dissolved Oxygen Workgroup** - develops an implementation plan which addresses the problems and recommends activities CALFED can work on that are not currently addressed by other agencies.

Staff contact: Paul Marshall

2. **Ecosystem Restoration Program Focus Group** - focuses on resolving conflicts, provides advice to strengthen the overall planning framework for the ERP, strengthens linkage between ecosystem restoration and urban concerns related to water supply reliability, and builds links with local implementation.

Staff contact: Michael Fainter

3. **Salinity/Selenium Workgroup** - develops an implementation plan which addresses the problems and recommends activities CALFED can work on that are not currently addressed by other agencies.

Staff contact: Paul Marshall

4. **Upper Yuba River Work Groups** - determines if introduction of wild chinook salmon and steelhead to the Upper Yuba River watershed is biologically, environmentally, and socioeconomically feasible over the long term.

Staff contact: Terry Mills

5. **Comprehensive Monitoring, Assessment, And Research Program** - provides direction to the Program Manager regarding CMARP activities and provides resources necessary to conduct those activities.

Staff contact: Leo Winternitz

B. Levees

1. **Levees and Channels Technical Team** - provides technical input on Levee Program issues.

Staff contact: Rob Cooke

2. **North Delta Improvements Group** - receives agency and stakeholder input in order to provide a coordinated regional solution to ecosystem, watershed, water quality, water supply reliability, and flood control concerns in the North Delta Region.

Staff contact: Gwen Knittweis

3. **Subsidence Subteam** - assists in development of a Subsidence Plan for Delta levees.

Staff contact: Rob Cooke

4. **Suisun Marsh Subteam** - assists in development of information on how Suisun Marsh levees can be maintained to meet CALFED's objectives.

Staff contact: Gwen Knittweis

- C. **Public Affairs** - disseminates information about the CALFED Program to stakeholders, the general public, media and local elected officials; informs and involves interested parties in the CALFED process; strives toward complementary outreach efforts.

Staff contact: Valerie Holcomb

D. Water Supply Reliability

1. **CALFED Operations Group** - provides State Water Project and Central Valley Project coordination.

Staff contact: Mark Cowin

2. **NoName Group** - evaluates potential tools for improving project operations.

Staff contact: Ron Ott

3. **Diversion Effects on Fisheries Team (DEFT)** - assesses the technical issues related to diversion impacts on fisheries for each of the CALFED alternatives.

Staff contact: Ron Ott

4. **DEFT/NoName Coordination Team** - reviews scenarios and evaluations to determine the impacts of water quality, water supply and fish to each other.

Staff contact: Ron Ott

5. **Economic Evaluation of Water Management Alternatives** - interacts and provides feedback on CALFED economic studies.

Staff contact: Jeremy Arrich

6. **Hydro Re-Operation Workgroup** - interacts and provides feedback on CALFED studies of reoperation of hydroelectric facilities.

Staff contact: Loren Bottorff

7. **Water Management Strategy Group** - assists in refinement of Water Management Strategy objectives and identifies performance measures.

Staff contact: Mark Cowin

8. **Water Management Development Team** - evaluates range of Water Measurement Assets. Develops a recommended Water Management Strategy for Stage 1 including the framework for the Environmental Water Account that will be considered by BDAC and Policy Group.

Staff contact: Ron Ott

9. **Water Management Coordination Team** - provides technical support to the Water Management Development Team.

Staff contact: Ron Ott

10. **Central Valley Fish Facility Coordination Team** - provides coordination and reviews Central Valley fish screen and passage projects. This team will oversee the Fish Facility Review Team and coordinate with CALFED to resolve any policy concerns which arise in the Tracy Fish Facility and Clifton Court Fish Facility development processes.

Staff contact: Ron Ott

11. **Central Valley Fish Facility Review Team** - reviews Central Valley fish screen and passage projects and seeks to resolve technical issues related to implementation of these projects.

Staff contact: Ron Ott

12. **Clifton Court Forebay Technical Advisory Team** - provides technical guidance to the design team for the proposed Clifton Court Forebay Intake Fish Screens.

Staff contact: Ron Ott

13. **Tracy Technical Advisory Team** - provides technical guidance to the design team for the Tracy Fish Facility.

Staff contact: Ron Ott

14. **CALFED Interagency Fish Facilities Technical Team** - provides technical support on major CALFED fish passage facility issues by examining feasibility and impacts of proposed fish facilities to be incorporated in the Bay-Delta solution.

Staff contact: Ron Ott

15. **Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Steering Committee** - provides policy-level guidance to staff in development of Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan.

Staff contact: Tom Gohring

16. **Conjunctive Use Advisory Team** - acts to refine principles of implementation of conjunctive use practices and give advice on criteria for potential grants for conjunctive use pilot projects.

Staff contact: Mark Cowin

17. **Urban Water Use Efficiency Incentives Ad Hoc Group** - provides policy-level advice to staff on criteria and constraints for urban water use efficiency incentive programs.

Staff contact: Tom Gohring

E. Water Quality

1. **Drinking Water Constituents Workgroup** - provides advice to the Drinking Water Quality Program and acts as a technical arm of the Delta Drinking Water Council.

Staff contact: Judy Heath

2. **Drinking Water Quality Operations Workgroup** - assists CALFED's Integrated Storage Investigation in evaluating the relationship between various types and locations of storage and the overall role of storage in water quality improvement as part of the CALFED Water Management Strategy and Drinking Water Quality Improvement Strategy.

Staff contact: Paul Hutton

3. **Veale/Byron Tract Workgroup** - provides stakeholder input on water quality actions related to urban and agricultural discharges in the Veale/Byron Tract area.

Staff contact: Judy Heath